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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Robert A. Ashworth

Group Art Unit: 1764

Application No.: 10/757,331

Examiner: Basia Ridley

Filed: January 14, 2004

Confirmation No.: 3466

Title: Coal Gasification with Alkali Additives to Reduce Emissions of Mercury to the Atmosphere

Attorney Docket No.: 040020

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This document is filed as a response to the Official Action mailed on March 8, 2007. The non-final Office Action has a shortened statutory period for response of June 8, 2007. It is believed that this response is timely without the need for an extension. If an extension is necessary, kindly grant one and deduct the fee for same from Deposit Account No. 02-4800 in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.

The rejections in the non-final Office Action have been carefully considered, and in view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims are courteously requested.

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**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 8 of this paper.